

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
Actions taken during this fiscal year 2014 – 2015 (July thru June) to inform Commissioners
and Public about COA Priority Senior issues.

PRIORITY SENIOR ISSUES	ACTIONS TO KEEP INFORMED
1) Follow: Continue investigating current Affordable Senior Housing	<p><u>Presentation:</u> Home Share. What it is. How it works: budget & getting it started. Anne Wyatt, Sept 2014</p>
2) Follow: Accessibility Features needed in current & future housing	<p><u>Presentation:</u> Accessibility Features in Senior Housing. Sandra Bourbon, Brittany Carraway, Tod Hansen, Peta Rimington. Feb, 2015</p> <p>Universal Design & Accessibility in Housing: How it relates to City/County Housing Elements. Paul Wolff, AFA; Susan Chandler, CDR; Tyler Corey, City Housing Program Mgr. Mar 2015</p> <p><u>Members sent email link to:</u> “Aging Boomers strain cities built for the young.” <i>Lauran Neergaard AP</i> medical writer.</p>
3) Follow: Caregiver Needs—available in the County—Respite & Adult Care	<p><u>Presentation:</u> Respite & Beyond for Caregivers of Loved Ones with Dementia: Alyce Crawford Nov 2014</p> <p>DSS Adult Services Programs (IHSS and APS): “Services and Limitations - What you need to know.” Kat Lauterback, Adult Services Program Manager. June 2015</p> <p><u>Participation in</u> Alzheimer’s Association: Empowering the Caregiver Resource Fair June 2015</p>
4) Follow: Future of Senior Centers to counteract isolation	<p><u>Presentation:</u> Senior Friendly Community Groups: Keeping Seniors Active and Engaged. May, 2015 Panel: Directors from Templeton Active Senior Club, SLO Newcomers Club, South County Seniors, Atascadero Fun Club</p>
Follow: Learn about South County multi-level (of care) Senior housing	<p><u>Senior Housing Tour</u> March 14, 2015 Merrill Gardens; Cortina d’Arroyo Grande: Hillside Villa (AG); Alder House (AG). Four members attended</p> <p>Special Report: SoCounty Senior Housing Tour: Marie Pounders Apr 2015</p>

Other Presentations:	<p>Wills, Trusts, Probate & Estate Planning: John Sachs, Atty. Aug 2014</p> <p>Preventing Fires & Falls for Seniors. Joyce Pardue, SLO City Fire Dept. Sept 2014</p> <p>Medicare Open Enrollment: 2015 Choice & Changes. Buff Lawson, HICAP Registered Counselor. Oct 2014</p> <p>Regional Plan for Age-Friendly Communities. Jeff Brubaker, SLOCOG Oct 2014</p> <p>Essence of the Commission: Foundation & Future Members Discuss COA Oct-Nov 2014</p> <p>CA Senior Legislature is for ALL Seniors. Gari Cave, CSL Assemblywoman. Jan 2015</p>
Special Reports:	<p>Top Ten Tips for Reducing Risk of Becoming a Victim: Angela Viles, July 2014</p> <p>Latest Scams: Kelley Sexton Monthly Q&A</p> <p>Housing & Economic Development Survey: Suzan Ehdaie Oct 2014</p> <p>Veteran Services for Seniors. (brief intro) Dana Cummings, Veterans Service Office Apr 2015</p> <p>Update Housing Bills (State): Marie Pounders May 2015</p> <p>Mobility Management Changes: Sara Sanders June 2015</p>
Advocacy and Outreach:	<p><u>Review and Update of Commission's Advocacy Role:</u> Members discuss views on their Advisory Role July 2014 Update of Advocacy Guidelines Finalized Oct 2014</p> <p><u>Special article:</u> (Thank you Lynn Compton) Nipomo Chamber Newsletter: Why do we need a SLO County Commission on Aging? March 2015</p> <p><u>Letters of Support-- COA or Individual members:</u> Transit Planning: Support grant Oct 2014 County Housing needs: Survey responses submitted by members to support Consolidation planning for CDGB funding. Oct 2014 Maintain Regional Mobility Mgmt Prog: Nov 2014 Hearing Loss Assoc SLO Branch: Grant for Captioning Mar 2015 Restoration of CA funding levels for Caregiver Resource Centers Mar 2015 White House Conference on Aging Summer 2015: to Capps. Highlights of SLO County Older American needs. April 2015</p>

	<p>* Adult Services Policy Council (Monthly)</p> <p>*Senior Scam Stopper. July 9, 2014</p> <p>*Consolidated Trans Services Agency Focus Group. July 23, 2014</p> <p>*Housing Authority of SLO. Meet Director, Scott Smith. Voice COA concerns. Aug 13, 2014</p> <p>*Mobility Management Workshop Oct 23, 12014</p> <p>*Working Together to Prevent Elder Financial Abuse Nov 3, 2014</p> <p>*Injury Prevention Coalition Meeting: Spoke to need for funding for grab bars. Nov 14, 2014</p> <p>*Board of Supervisors Meetings</p> <p>*Hearing Loss Association of America: Meetings attended: Nov 2014, Feb 2015</p> <p>*Area Agency on Aging Listening Session. Spoke about Adult Day Care needs. Jan 2015</p> <p>*40th Anniversary Celebration Area Agency on Aging Mar 13, 2015</p>
Distribution of Information to Members	<p>Top Ten Tips for Reducing the Risk of Becoming a Victim. July 2014</p> <p>HASLO Public Notice—Interest List Opening. Aug 2014</p> <p>A California solution for a Medicaid quirk Oct/Nov 2014</p> <p>In Nursing Homes, Eyes that Never Turn Away Oct 2014</p> <p>Grandparent Scam Nov 2014</p> <p>SLO Legal Alternatives Newsletter. Stephanie Barclay Dec 2014</p> <p>IRS & Tax related Identity Theft. Distributed by Kelley Sexton DA Ofc. Jan 2015</p> <p>Emergency Survival Guide. Central Coast Commission for Senior Citizens. June 2015</p>